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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN THE APPLICATION OF:**

**QIONG CHENG ET. AL.**

**CASE NO.: CL2360USNA**

**SERIAL NO.: 10/808979**

**GROUP ART UNIT: 1638**

**FILED: MARCH 25, 2004**

**EXAMINER: KOROMA, B**

**FOR: GENES ENCODING CAROTENOID COMPOUNDS**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Introductory Comments**

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 2/10/2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

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